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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 31-41;

Please add new claims 42-47 as follows:

1-41. (Cancelled).

42. (New) and wherein the extract is produced in accordance with an industrial scale process comprising the steps of:

- a) dissolving jojoba meal in a solvent to obtain a solvent extract containing simmondsins;
- b) concentrating and desolventizing the solvent extract obtained in step (a) to obtain a crude extract;
- c) reacting the crude extract obtained in step (b) with a carbonaceous adsorbant to obtain a mixture;
- d) separating out the carbonaceous adsorbant from the mixture obtained in step
 (c) to obtain a purified liquid Simmondsins extract; and
 - e) drying the purified liquid Simmondsins extract, wherein the solvent is water, methanol, ethanol or isopropanol.
- 43. (New) An odorless and debittered Simmondsins extract containing between 39% to 91% Simmondsins by weight of the extract, wherein the amount of simmondsin ferulate is not more than 3% by weight of the extract, and wherein the extract is produced in accordance with an industrial scale process comprising the steps of:
- a) eluting a plant material containing Simmondsins with a polar organic solvent to obtain an eluent containing Simmondsins;

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b) concentrating and desolventizing the eluent obtained in step (a) to obtain a crude extract;

- c) reacting the crude extract obtained in step (b) with a carbonaceous adsorbant to obtain a mixture;
- d) separating out the carbonaceous adsorbant from the mixture obtained in step
 (c) to obtain a purified liquid Simmondsins extract; and
 - e) drying the purified liquid Simmondsins extract, wherein the solvent is water, methanol, ethanol or isopropanol.
- 44. (New) A food formulation containing an odorless and debittered Simmondsins extract containing between 39% to 91% Simmondsins by weight of the extract, wherein the amount of simmondsin ferulate is not more than 3% by weight of the extract, and wherein the extract is produced in accordance with an industrial scale process comprising the steps of:
- a) dissolving jojoba meal in a solvent to obtain a solvent extract containing simmondsins;
- b) reacting the solvent extract obtained in step (a) with a carbonaceous adsorbant to obtain a mixture;
- c) separating out the carbonaceous adsorbant from the mixture obtained in step(b) to obtain a purified liquid Simmondsins extract; and
 - d) drying the purified liquid Simmondsins extract, wherein the solvent is water, methanol, ethanol or isopropanol.

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45. (New) A food formulation according to claim 44, wherein the formulation is an animal feed.

- 46. (New) A food formulation according to claim 44, wherein the amount of Simmondsins extract in the formulation is between 0.1% to 2% by weight of the formulation.
- 47. (New) A food formulation according to claim 44, wherein the amount of Simmondsins extract in the formulation is between 0.5% to 2% by weight of the formulation.